

Testimony to the Judiciary Committee in support of Proposed Senate Bill No. 650, House Bill No. 6848, and House Bill No. 6962.

I am strongly in favor of Senate Bill No. 650, House Bill No. 6848, and House Bill No. 6962.

Senate Bill 650, An Act Concerning Temporary Restraining Orders

I am in favor of SB 650 as it provides necessary protections for victims of domestic violence. Under the current system, the respondent is too easily able to evade service. The Bill also provides much needed support for the family courts. Finally, this bill proposes that the court be allowed to remove firearms, ammunition, and gun permits/eligibility certificates during ex parte restraining orders. This is a most vital part of the Bill! The most dangerous time for victims of domestic violence is when the victim ends the relationship. Thus, it is imperative that the abuser not have access to guns during this very vulnerable time!

House Bill 6848, An Act Protecting Victims of Domestic Violence

I am in favor of House Bill 6848, An Act Protecting Victims of Domestic Violence. Once again, it is imperative that guns be surrendered immediately when a restraining order is in effect. This is the most dangerous time for victims of domestic violence. Since this is a temporary removal prior to a full hearing, the effect on the respondent is de minimus whereas the effect of non-surrender on the victim could be death.

House Bill No. 6962. An Act Regarding Safe Storage of Firearms

We have firearms in our home as my husband is a hunter. His guns are locked in a gun cabinet. The ammunition is locked away in a separate cabinet. These measures are easy for individuals who intend to use firearms for sport. Section 1 of the Bill also makes allowances for individuals who keep firearms for personal protection. Bill 6962 is needed to hold irresponsible gun owners liable for their negligence!

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